Probe into the Affairs of J. K. Industries and Gupta Tyre Traders

1428. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a probe was ordered into the affairs of J. K. Industries and Gupta Tyre Traders in May, 1988;

(b) if so, what were the charges;

(c) whether the probe was conducted; if so, by whom;

(d) what are the findings; and

(e) what action has been taken against the companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) On the basis of applications filed by the Director General of Investigation & Registration, the MRTP Commission has instituted two enquiries against M/s. J. K. Industries Ltd., Calcutta and M/s. Gupta Tyre Traders, Karnal, for passing off second quality tyres at the price of first quality tyres without informing the consumer about the standard of tyres sold and for manipulating the price of tyres in such a manner as to impose unjustified costs on the consumers. The enquiry proceedings are in progress before the Commission. The Commission is empowered to take further appropriate action in such cases as per the provisions of the M.R.T.P. Act, 1969 relating to restrictive/unfair trade practices.

Utilisation of Consultancy Service of Coal Mining Research Station by Coal Companies

1429. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector coal companies take services from CMRS (Coal Mining Research Station);

(b) if so, what are the disciplines;

(c) what are the sponsored and consultancy problems, discipline-wise;

(d) what was the amount spent for conducting investigations during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) what positive benefit the industry could gain out of such consultancy service?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The coal companies take services from Central Mining Research Station mainly in the disciplines of rock mechanics and mining methods, mine environment and mine engineering.

(c) The details of disciplines are shown in the statement enclosed. (See below).

(d) The funds received by CMRS from external agencies including the coal companies during the last three years are as follows:-

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	187.26
1986-87	132.43
1987-88	152.38

(e) The benefits gained by coal industry from services of CMRS include increased productivity with safety and economy, mechanisation and modernisation of mining.

Statement

ROCK MECHANICS AND MINING METHODS

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3. Evaluation of new mechanised system.
4. Correlation of surface subsidence with deformation parameters in underground and intervening strata.